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SUBJECT: U.S. ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION - AUTOMOBILES

1. R. BUYSE, US DESK OFFICER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, TOLD EMBOFF AND EUR/NE ECONOMIC OFFICER ACHILLES ON SEPT 16 THAT GM, SAAB, AND VOLVO PLANTS IN BELGIUM HAVE SENT CUSTOMS ANTI-DUMPING QUESTIONNAIRES TO EUROPEAN HOME OFFICES FOR REPLY. THIS IS BECAUSE HOME OFFICES SET PRICES, NOT LOCAL FIRMS. BUYSE SAID THAT HE HAS ASKED FIRMS FOR COPIES OF RESPONSES, BUT DOES NOT KNOW IF HE WILL RECEIVE THEM. HE SAID BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION OF INVOLVING ITSELF FURTHER IN CASE AT THIS POINT.

2. BUYSE THEN REITERATED BELGIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN AT WHAT IT VIEWS AS INCIPIENT WAVE OF PROTECTIONISM IN US, LEADING TO DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING INVESTIGATIONS HERE. HE ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT AMERICANS WOULD THINK IF BELGIAN INSPECTORS WERE TO APPROACH US AUTO FIRMS WITH SORT OF ANTI-DUMPING

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QUESTIONNAIRE THAT WE HAVE DELIVERED IN BELGIUM. EMBOFF NOTED

THAT INVESTIGATIONS REQUIRED BY US LAW AND THAT EMBASSY HOPED
TO CONTINUE WORKING CLOSELY WITH GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM TO
OBTAIN SOLUTIONS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES.

3. BUYSSE ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION ON
FLOAT GLASS WHICH GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM MIGHT PROVIDE US GOVER-
MENT COULD EVENTUALLY BECOME PUBLIC -- IF NOT NOW, PERHAPS
DURING POSSIBLE LATER COURT ACTION CONTESTING TREASURY'S FINDINGS.
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT. RENNER

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